Countering Pakistan's false propamda in Islamic countries

1125. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN. Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFF.AIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps taken by ijt>/e-rriment to counter the false propaganada by Pakistan in Islamic Countries regarding- Kashmir and the conditions of Muslim* in India;

(b) whether Government are contiaer-ing to send a strong delegation 01 pni-ant Mirslims from different walks of the to Islamic Countries to counter the Pakistani propaganda; and

(c) if 10, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED): (a) Countering Pakistan's anti-|India propaganda in the Islamic countries is an ongoing process. Tre Government Mid the Indian Missions continuously monitor such activities, particularly relating to Kashmir and the conditions of Mus-lirrig in India. Swift, comprehensive and effective action is taken to counter Pakistan's false and motivated propaganda. Factual information is regularly provided to decision makers; the media; and the Governments of these countries through the Indian Missfcms. abroad as •well as through the Missions of the Islamic countries in India. The Governments of these countries are also briefed during visits of high level delegations to India and from India to these coimt-rio*.

(b) There is at present no proposal to send a delegation, comprising only jaromtaent Muslim personalities, to the Islamic Countries.

(a) Does not arise.

Foreign tours of the President and officials of ICCR

1126. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number or foreign tews uude»-taken by the President and the omcia.ts of the Indian Council for Cutural jieu-tions in 1993 and 1994 (t.J uatej stating the names of the coum.ies visited and the purposes of their visits;

(b) what is the expenditiui incjxreu by the President and the ofhc.als o- the ICCR on each foreign trip; ajd

(c) what are the achievements of chess
foreign tours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE_ IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AW AW (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHELii..: (a, and (b) The foreign tours unacKok. n by the president and the official of the Indian Council for Cultural the lions (ICCR) are as follows:

1993

(i) President, ICCR toured abroad on two occasions and visited Austria, .Japan and Thailand.

(ii) Director General, ICCR ouied abroad on nine occasions and visited South Africa, Mauritius, Egypt, United Kingdom, USA, Hungary, Austria, France, Russia, Israel, China and Japan.

(iii) Private Secretary to the Pie-dent, ICCR toured abroad on one occasfcn land visited Austria.

(iv) Assistant Private Secretary to President ICCR toured abroad on one occasion and visited Japan and Thailand.

1994

(i) President, ICCR toured abroad on one occasion and visited Urited King-dom and France,